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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 USC § 371 IN  
THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 USC § 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US). A copy of this Notification is enclosed.

The Notification indicates that the oath or declaration is missing. Therefore, enclosed is an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney for the above-identified application.

Request for Extension of Time

Under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application. The requested extension and appropriate fee are as follows (check time period desired):


- ☐ 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1) - Extension within first month
- ☒ 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(2) - Extension within second month
- ☐ 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(3) - Extension within third month
- ☐ 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(4) - Extension within fourth month

Fees

- ☐ Please charge the surcharge fee provided in 37 CFR § 1.16(f) to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. One copy of this sheet marked duplicate is also enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge the extension fee provided in 37 CFR § 1.17(a) to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. One copy of this sheet marked duplicate is also enclosed.
- ☒ Any required fee will be paid at the time of EFS-Web submission.
- ☒ If necessary, charge any required fee, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.

Respectfully submitted,

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### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 09/30/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 09/30/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 09/30/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 09/30/2005
- Copy of references cited in ISR filed on 09/30/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 09/30/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 09/30/2005
- Specification filed on 09/30/2005
- Claims filed on 09/30/2005
- Abstracts filed on 09/30/2005
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The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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